

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 28 and ending on page 7, line 2 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 3 illustrates conceptual interrelationships between the text object model in accordance with an embodiment of the invention and an application **145**. Basically the operations **300** in this embodiment of the invention may be viewed as an abstraction between user interactions **302** and a text store ~~[[304]]~~ **306**. The user interactions **302** may each include such operations as typing, rendering, defining layout of the object and editing the content of the object. The abstraction generally, may be viewed as a text object model ~~[[306]]~~ **304** that receives direction and interfaces with the user interactions **302** and in turn draws from one or more text stores ~~[[304]]~~ **306** to accomplish the actions required.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 11 and ending on page 7, line 21 with the following amended paragraph:

The application program interface **155**, i.e. text object model **400** in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention has two fundamental parts - data model **156** and view model **158**. Data model **156** provides access to persistent content of text. For example, these include characters, embedded objects, and formatted and structuring elements. The view model **158** provides access to presentation and interaction appearance of text: lines and other layout blocks, dynamic highlights of various kinds, such as selection, misspellings, carets, etc. This model is represented by ~~[[an]]~~ a non-abstract class "TextView" and an abstract class "TextHighlight". Note that TextHighlight is actually part of the data model. The view model is a superset of the data, adding additional layout functionality such as hit testing. TextHighlight is data that serves as input to the layout engine, just like TextContainer. These models are provided in the backing store of the API **155**.